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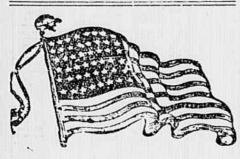
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### A Victory for the States

S inhumane as child-labor conditions in A the South's cotton mills admittedly have been in the past, as regrettable as they may be now, it is not within the constitutional province of Congress to undertake their regulation, either by direct usurpation of the State's police power and control of its own labor, or indirectly through the masquerade of a Federal tax. While the object is laudable and humanitarian in intent, the Federal law which attempted to levy a tax of 10 per cent on the product of child labor is not the correct angle from which to approach the problem, and Judge Boyd, sitting in the Federal court at Greensboro, N. C., when he handed down a decision declaring it unconstitutional, unquestionably acted on a strict interpretation of our fundamental law. It is in line with his former decision holding the Owen-Keating law unconstitutional-in which he was sustained by the Supreme Court-and it will be welcomed by all those persons who still cling to the rights reserved to the several States under the Constitution though in all conscience we have few enough of them remaining to us. On the other hand, it will be bitterly assailed by the centralizationists, who would see the States reduced to the rank of provinces, with all authority vested in the Congress.

Judge Boyd may, or he may not, be coradequate to take care of the situation. If made adequate. But it is a matter that should be left to the States to determine, despite the modern trend toward Washington, a trend utilized as the line of least resistance by all reformers. Regulation of labor does not come within the contemplated purview of the Federal government, n fact which has been borne in upon Congress by the courts, and now it stands rebaked by Judge Boyd for seeking to exercise the power forbidden to it under the thin paise of taxation.

## Triffing With Public Welfare.

CONGRESS is justly subject to public the scene to maintain control over developcensure for its failure to put the government in position to keep faith with the railroads under a contract that is inviolable and which, ultimately, will be met. Ever since the control of the roads was relin quished by the government to their owners they have been handicapped by a lack of credit to finance their operations that has reflected itself in a partial paralysis of all efforts at national industrial recovery, Hadthis condition been met by prompt action on the part of Congress placing the government in position to meet its contractual and moral obligation to extend to the roads the relief they so much needed, the spectacle of retarded development which already has given us an army of more than 6,000,000 of unemployed workmen and of depression in all lines of industry would not now have to be faced with all of the involved possibilities of increasing a situation already sufficiently acute.

In round numbers, the total obligations of the government to the railroads amount approximately to \$624.758,800. The railroads owed the government, on the other hand, a total of \$1.144.681.000, of which settlements have been made amounting t \$448,346,000, leaving a balance due th government, for which final settlement has not been made, of \$696,385,000. It is this balance which the railroads want the government to fund over a period of ten years while at the same time paying to the rail roads \$500,000,000 of the \$624,758,00 which the government owes through th agency of the War Finance Corporation, In other words, the railroads want to defer the payment of their debts to the government for ten years, but want the govern ment to pay in cash at once at least \$500. 000,000 of what the government owes the

mote the public welfare, the President submitted to Congress a message urging the necessary legislation to carry out this plan as of vital necessity to hasten the country's industrial recovery. Such legislation has been initiated by Congress, but it has made such slow progress that it is now certain definite action on it will not reach the completed stage for months to come. The full measure of benefits to be derived from the enactment of this legislation could only have been attained by its prompt passage. In thus triffing with the public interests, Congress has shown itself incapable of discharging the functions which rightfully devolve on it. It is "fiddling while Rome burns," and in so doing invites the just rebuke of an outraged public.

### One-Man Control

W HEN Congress enacted the Jones Merchant Marine Law, it increased the membership of the United States Shipping Board from five to seven members against the judgment of many legislators that the board should have been abolished outright. and the business of maintaining a fleet upon the high seas intrusted to the management of one man. The wisdom of that course was seriously challenged at the time, and experience under the reorganization, put into effect by President Harding, further challenges it.

If the stories which persist regarding the blckering, the controversies, the jealousies and the unsurpation of authority, within the Harding board, are to be believed, it was a mistake to have placed seven men, with co-ordinate powers, in charge of the greatest single business project now under the Federal government. This power should have been concentrated in a single head of the merchant marine and full responsibility for its success definitely located.

Law or no law, Shipping Board chairman from the beginning have assumed full executive control over the affairs of the organization. This was true of Mr. Denman, General Goethals, Mr. Hurley and Admiral Benson. It was natural that when Chairman Lasker assumed his duties he should proceed upon the proposition that he was the actual, not the nominal, head of the business, and that his six associates were expected to follow his lead.

It is not unnatural, on the other hand, that the six associate members of the board should refuse to occupy subordinate positions when the law provides that they hold co-ordinate positions. Inasmuch as the board as a whole is responsible to the President and the American people for the success of its administration, that body cannot be blamed for insisting that it be consulted upon every important matter and be not committed to policies, to projects, to public utterances, to sweeping criticism of old administrations, when as a matter of fact the board, as a board, is not so com-

It has become apparent to many members of Congress who supported the Jones bill that the anomalous situation which has arisen cannot endure. Either the law must be amended, making the chairman of the Shipping Board the master of that body, or else the board as a whole should be wiped out and one-man control created.

Such a reform might properly remain in effect until the government has finally disposed of its ships and has retired from the business of operating, directly or indirectly, a merchant fleet. Once this withdrawal has been accomplished, a Shipping Board might be reinstated, and that body resume its original functions.

It will be recalled that when Congress established a Shipping Board, no thought was entertained that this body would either build or operate tonnage. The board was designed to regulate shipping rates and agreements in much the same manner as the Interstate Commerce Commission regulates railroad rates. It was the war emergency which imposed upon the board the business rect in saying that the State labor laws are of ship construction and ship operation. In time the board will return to its original they are not, they should be re-enforced and | duties, but meanwhile, one man should be charged with the responsibility for business now in hand.

# Panama In the Wrong

A MERICAN patience with Panama's recal-citrancy in complying with the terms of this country's ultimatum to Panama some months ago to respect the award of territory in dispute between that republic and Costa Rica has reached the limit, and Secretary Hughes has abandoned his role of "watchful waiting" and authorized Costa Rica to seize and exercise jurisdiction over the disputed territory, which Panama has defiantly held. In the meantime, armed American forces have been dispatched to ments which may follow

Under treaty relations, the United States exercises a special protectorate over the Panaman republic. We have to defend its political and territorial integrity from outside aggression. At the same time, in assuming such guardianship over its interests. the United States has reserved to itself the right inseparable from that responsibility of seeing to it that the little republic conducts itself becomingly toward other nations. In the matter of the present territorial dispute Panama not only has deliberately broken faith with its obligations as a member of the family of nations, but it has defied its protector and mediator in the dispute, now brought to a crisis in the enforcement of

the award. The ownership of the Coto region, from which Panama is now to be expelled at the instance of the United States govern ment, has never been denied as clearly be onging to Costa Rica; yet Panama has entinued to hold this territory as a retaliatory measure against Costa Rican seiz are of territory awarded it by the decision of Chief Justice White, which has been up

held by Secretary Hughes. Clearly Panama is in the wrong in the pending controversy, and in its desire to render justice to both parties at interest the government of the United States cannot do otherwise than force Panania to respect the award and behave itself in respect

Pig iron is lower than it has been since 1913, but nobody east or wears pig iron, or uses it in the manufacture of home brew,

Three more days and Congress will take its vacation, which the general public will Under a high sense of obligation to pro- enjoy more than will the Congressmen,

## SEEN ON THE SIDE BY HENRY EDWARD WARNER

### The Pendulum,

It swings from side to side And passes, as it swings, The center of its energy. Then back to center brings Its restless self, and I Sit watching it swing by,

I pender what it means, What lesson it may bring With its incessant to and fro-Its dull, monotonous swing Thinking, as pondering on it, Mayhap to turn a sonnet.

But I have watched, and writ, And have not learned, I know, What lesson it may have for me, Swinging to and fro; And so I quit-I'm through-I leave it up to you!

Charconi Eph's Daily Thought. "I got no use fo' de real pore man," said Charcoal Eph, in a mood, "an' de rich man don' like me; tut we all gwipe measure 'bout six feet mo 'er less, stretched out. Eat a chop, Mistah Jackson."

Lagniappe. After reading the Congressional Record. Success lures like a tutterfly and stings like

And finally, to win all is to lose all. A fool with a broom would sweep back the

### Humph!

"We will charge the enemy," said the Gen-"Attention, Regiment! Forward!" shouted the Colonel "Fix bayonets, charge!" commanded the

Captain. "Follow me, Men!" cries the Sergeant

### A Matter of Taste.

We have come to the conclusion, after reading all the reasons why people should and shouldn't do this and that, from the point of view of those who wouldn't, don't or can't do the things of which they complain, or who habitually do the things which they would have others do. .

We have come to the conclusion, we say that the commonest form of vulgarity is insistence upon extreme modesty. We should never know half the terrible things there are but for the emphasis placed upon them by

### Up With the Times

Dear Old Lunnon Times sees either peace or war in the Irish situation, a conclusion which would seem to demand neither profundity of thought nor particularly keen dis-

At least there is more than the legal one half of 1 per cent of spirit in the beer battle that is raging in Congress.

Hudson Maxim claims the honor of inventing Einstein's theory of relativity. Don't know what he wants with it, but we are in favor of letting him have it.

Crops along the Canadian border are reported killed by the drought, which is the first any one has heard of anything being dry along that celebrated boundary line.

policy of the Shipping Board is, but it sounds as if it would be in keeping with every other policy it has adopted.

Moros declare they will not accept independence, thus becoming the Ulsterites of the Reports from the West say farmers are

preparing to burn their corn for fuel this winter. Same here in Virginia, but the process is different.

The James River has become the home of the American merchant marine, but no one is boasting about it.

ertain Town Council is criticized for im-

posing "grandmotherly" rules for bathing beaches, and if it took an up-to-date grandnother for its example it probably is culpable for its laxness.

Dispatch says "users of gas are assured of emple supply," which should remove a great worry from the mind of Congress.

# Echoes From Down Home

Attorney-General Daugherty wants to know what becomes of all the whisky selzed by prohibition officers. If he ever finds out, he will doubtless unearth a bunch of sensations.-Durham Herald

Another encouraging development is that the Southern retail merchants in convention in Richmond were unanimous in the opinion that "business is fast getting back to normal." The convention consisted of more than 300 tepresentatives from all sections of the South.—Kinston Free Press.

In these times most States are only too glad to let the Federal government do for them what they ought to do for themselves. expressing a desire to take care of the pellagra victims within their own borders the outhern States present a rare exception to the fashion of the hour .-- Winston-Salem

We may readily sympathize with Mr. Fordey in his desperate effort to divert attention from the tax bill, but it is genuinely distressng to find one of the two main speeches in an important congressional debate composed of coarse demagoguery and low comedy.-Wilmington Star.

Developments indicate that when the "Senite ring" nominated Mr. Harding because they would then be able to run the country, their only mistake was in considering themselves to run the country .- Asheville Citizen,

President Harding will receive physical, noral and mental uplift by reason of the brief stay he is expected to make in Ashetille prior to the assembling of the disarmaaent conference, probably in September, about the only part of the South he has come into personal contact with is Florida; he was very much the better man by reason of that contact, but it is his stay at Asheville that is destined to give him the finishing touches .-Charlotte Observer.

Republicans in the House are scoring Claude Kitchin because he made an unanswerable argument against relieving those who make excess profits from taxation. Mr. Kitchin the agents of big money is to expose the

methods by which they escape taxation. "It's the hit dog that hollers."—Raleigh News and

North Carolina paid more than a third of all the Federal taxes collected on tobacco, snuff and cigars in the United States last year. The Lady Nicotine is certainly of Tar Heel

# extraction.-Greensboro News. Health Talks by Dr. Brady

Food and Tuberculosis. The medical theories of a generation ago are the popular delusions of today.

One of the old medical theories which has been discarded by the profession and still retained by the laity is that it is possible to force a tuberculous patient to gain weight by overeating. Based upon this vain theory, people generally worry needlessly over the failure of the patient to consume as much food as an active healthy individual requires to maintain normal weight.

Untold harm has been done by unwise efforts to coax patients to swallow food which they did not want and could not possibly assimilate.

The feeding of a patient with tuberculosis is not a question to be answered by Tom, Dick and Harry. It is an individual scientific problem for the physician to solve in each case according to the state of the patient and the extent of the disease.

A tuberculosis patient who may possibly be permitted to take some exercise—which is in itself an important problem for the doctor-can conceivably assimilate more food than one whose condition demands absolute avoidance of all exercise. The exercising pa tient naturally demands more food than the resting patient.

The whole idea of forcing the feeding is based upon misunderstanding of the pathology of the disease. Loss of weight in tuberculosis is a result of disease, not a cause, Well nourished individuals, that is, individuals whose weight is normal or above normal for age and height, may and often do, develop tuterculosis. And individuals considerably too stout are found under treatment for tuberculosis in every large sanatorium,

Foreing the feeding is a risky business, without constant medical supervision and a rare necessity nowadays under medical super

Wholesome food of good variety, well pre pared and attractively served, is the desideratum, not great quantities of milk, eggs or any other particular articles. Incidentally, there is no virtue in raw eggs which is not pres ent in eggs cooked as the patient prefers. And milk is a rather indifferent nutriment, as compared with bread and butter, potatoes, peas, beans, cheese, macaroni, bananas, sugar and cereals generally. Appetite should be fostered and preserved

making the food atractive, not destroyed by crude efforts to fill the patient with mess of stuff which the system will be unable to metabolize.

### Questions and Answers

sufferers, recommend pyridine. Pour a little in a saucer and sit alongside and breathe the vapor. I had asthma for twenty years, and it never failed to bring great relief to that dreadful oppression. I changed climate in 1893 and have not had an attack since. Answer.-Pyridine has long been used for the relief of asthmatic attacks. It is produced by the dry distillation of old bones, also in some tobacco smoke. If the heart is weak,

Buchu, made an unsuccessful attempt at sui-

cide at Long Branch yesterday.

The Chambers Steam Fire Company, or Portsmouth, whose presence so enlivened out city day before yesterday, left yesterday morning for l'etersturg, taking the early train. Notwithstanding the festivitles of the previous day, they answered roll call to a man. We hope they were as much pleased with Richmond as Richmond was with them.

Mayor Kelley, taking time by the forelock; has issued a proclamation intended to put the city in order for the contemplated approach of

signed to the refining company of which General Logan is president. This looks like the refining company means business. On next Sunday morning a new Methodist church at West Point will be consecrated to the service of God. Rev. Dr. John E. Ed-

wards, of this city, will preach the dedicatory sermon. The North German bark Pepita, Captain C F. Gutzon, cleared for Rio do Sul yesterday

with 2,380 barrels of flour, shipped by the Gallego Mills Manufacturing Company. Thirty-three of General Grant's old soldiers and from Connecticut—are spending the week in and around Petersburg, visiting the lines about that city and inspecting the works behind and before which they lodged

ng ago learned that the sure way to offend August and go along with their congrega-

# The Old Home Town



# **VOICE OF THE PEOPLE** ON TOPICS OF THE DAY

### 'Man Who Walks' Seeks Remedy for Being 'Road-Hogged' Out of His Rights.

To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch: Sir,-Highways, highways everywhere, but none to walk in safety. The man who walks made the Pyridine Cured His Asthma-But. If you first highway. He called it a trail wish to confer a great favor upon asthma or path. He could walk it in safety. Speed mania on wheels was known. He was as free to walk his highways as the birds were to fly brough the air, and the fish to swim in the waters.

in the waters.

The man who walks, widened the highways for his crude vehicies, a drag made of poles or like contrivance. Did he surrender his rights to walk thereon?

The man who walks, improved his vehicles, had rollers, then wheels, he needs must widen and otherwise improve his highways. Did he give up his rights of priority to waik upon them?

where the day distillation of old brines, seek some tobacco aminke. If the heart is wask, some tobacco aminke. If the next is wask is not to the families of priority to waik for track of four rails of the Soviet teaders are being sacrificed in order to further the work of releving the familie throughout Russia's tricken districts, districts, and was a study of conditions, districts and wask of the society of the familie throughout Russia's tricken districts, districts and was was wask to use the high-ways? The man who walks, made sate being sacrificed in order to further the work of releving the familie throughout Russia's tricken districts, districts and was a study of conditions, districts and the society of the same was wasked to the familie territory there is very little panic. To his mind the ability supplies from the same was well as a successful, narrely would result.

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"One Inch of Rnin." Inquirer, Gordonsville.—In the weather reports one inch of rain means that rain to the depth of one inch has fallen as measured by the instruments of the Weather Bureau, the cholera.

One hundred hogsheads of raw sugar have arrived here by the steamer Wyanoke, conlowing facts have been given to make inches in one day is heavy. The following facts have been given to make clear what one inch of rain means: A rainfall of one inch over one acre of ground means 6,272,640 cubic inches of water, or 3,630 cubic feet. A cubic foot of pure water weighs about 62,4 pounds, so that the weight of an even fall of one inch of rain over an acre would weigh 13 1-4 of the basis for the calculation of decimination of decimina acre of land means 603 barrels of forty-five gallons each, and would be enough to fill a tank twenty feet equare and nine feet deep. In building a cistern to hold rainwater from and New York has become the prin-

the works the find and before which they lodged during the memorable stege of 1864-65.

The splendid new from ship, William Crane. Captain Howes, of the Boston, Norfolk and Baltimore Line, arrived at Norfolk yesterday on her trial trip.

The Walker Light Guard will attend in a body the hop at Hugenot Springs next Finday night.

The ministers of Richmond are compiaining somewhat of the slim attendance upon their Sabbath day ministrations. However, they atribute small congregations, both morning and night, to the absence from the city of so many people who are taking their captage at the springs and in the mountains. Some of the preachers think it would be well enough for them to close their places of worship in August and go along with their congregations to the springs.

The line about that city and inspecting the work and before which the elected all obligations of the National Exchange Institute the reason given today for the change from the pound sterling to the gold dollar as the basis of the Italian gold lira was that "dollars are real money."

The pound is no more the standard for golf, while the dollar mains an equal par with gold," said an official of the institute. "Italy has been losing money all the time she used the pound. Italy has collected all obligations owed her on the basis of the pound, and all Italian is adapted for the finest thread and is adapted for the finest thread and is adapted for the finest thread and the products for which the shorter staple is not suited. The Egyptian varieties are usually a little shorter and twwny instead of the preachers think it would be well enough and sold live and the pound, and all Italian is adapted for the finest thread and all the mountains. Some of the preachers think it would be well enough and sold live and the pound, and all Italian is adapted for the finest thread and the pound, and all Italian is adapted for the finest thread and the pound, and all Italian is adapted for the finest thread and the pound, and all Italian is adapted for the finest th

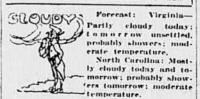
# Theater Calendar

BROADWAY-Clara Kimball oung, in "For the Soul of Rafael" LYRIC-Gloria Swanson, in "The ireat Moment."

BIJOU-Doris May and Courte-nay Foote, in "The Bronze Bell." ISIS-Rebe Daniels, in "She Couldn't Help It."

BLUEBIRD-Buck Jones, in "Straight From the Shoulder." ODEON-Katherine MacDonald, in "Stranger Than Fiction."

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# SALVAGE JUST ONE-FIFTH OF SHIPPING INVESTMENT

### Senator McCormick Declares 80 Per Cent of More Than \$3,000,000,000 Lost. [By United News.]

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22 - Bills which would make additional funds available for the Shipping Board and the railroads are meeting with sharp opposition in Congress.

Senators flayed the policies and administration of the Shipping Board today in debating the deficiency bill to appropriate \$48,500,000 to pay for operating losses.

Senator McCormick, of Illinois, Republican, told his colleagues that not more than 20 per cent of the \$3,386. 000,000 which the government had spent in building ships could be salvaged. The remainder, he declared, represents loss. He condemned con-tracts that had been made with ship operators, and cited instances where he said the government lost large sums, while the ship operators at the same time were able to make big

Senator King, of Utah, interrupted to declare the Shipping Board contracts are "vicious and corrupt." Senator Borah, of Idaho, agreed with

McCormick discussed the activities of the Pacific Mail Steamship Com-

"I understand that the firm of Ex-President Wilson and former Secretary of State Colby represent this "I suppose that the lawyers of the board, who are Other Former Officials Retained.

McCormick mentioned other firm

of former government officials which,

he said, had been retained in cases against the Shipping Board-Lansing and Woolsey Gregory and Todd, and Palmer and Davis. "With such legal talent, the Shipping Board must have the best law-

yers that money can hire," said Me-Senator Borah declared he would not vote in faver of appropriating another cent for the board until its affairs had been straightened out and

## ASSERTS PROMINENT MEN AID VIOLATIONS

# onth Boston Pastor Charges Many

in League with Liquor
Vendors.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
DANVIILE, VA., Aug., 22.—Somehing of a sensation has been created in the town of South Boston, in Halifax County, by a sermon preached by Rev. W. B. Jett, paster of the First Methodist Church, of that town and a former Danville pastor, who asserted in the course of his remarks that men prominent in the business and social life of the town were in league with the vendors of illicit

spirits. Rev. Mr. Jett also stated that the delays in the administration of justice through appeals to higher courts is rapidly destroying confidence in the courts of law in the minds of who stand for law enforce

# WILL SEEK OUT NEEDY FORMER SERVICE MEN